Enquiry Committees on Deemed Universities

221. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR:

SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether two Enquiry Committees were constituted to enquire into the standard of Deemed Universities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these Enquiry Committees have submitted their reports to Government;

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the recommendations of both Committees, separately; and

(e) the details of action taken/proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (e) The Government has constituted a Committee to review the functioning of the existing institutions 'deemed to be universities' to ensure that standards of higher education and research are maintained by such institutions so as to justify their continuance as institutions 'deemed to be universities'. The Review Committee included the following persons:

(i)	Professor P.N. Tandon, Professor Emiretus Department of Neurosurgery, AIIMS, New Delhi	Member
(ii)	Professor Govardhan Mehta, Chairman NAAC and former Director IISc Bangalore	Member
(iii)	Professor Anandakrishnan, Chairman IIT Kanpur	Member
(iv)	Professor Mrinal Miri, Former Vice Chancellor NEHU	Member
(v)	Additional Secretary (Higher Education)	
	OR	
	Joint Secretary (Higher Education)	Convener

The Review Committee has submitted its report, which is under active consideration of the Government. The University Grants Commission has also been asked to take up review of the functioning of all the 'deemed to be universities' with regard to the availability of the qualified faculty and the infrastructure in the 'deemed to be universities'. The process of review by the University Grants Commission is yet to be completed.